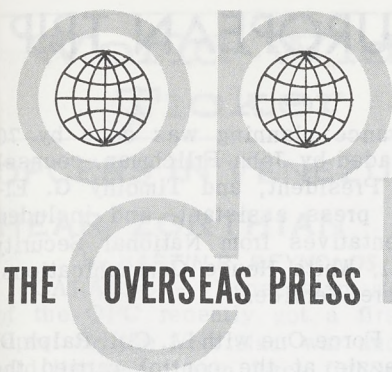




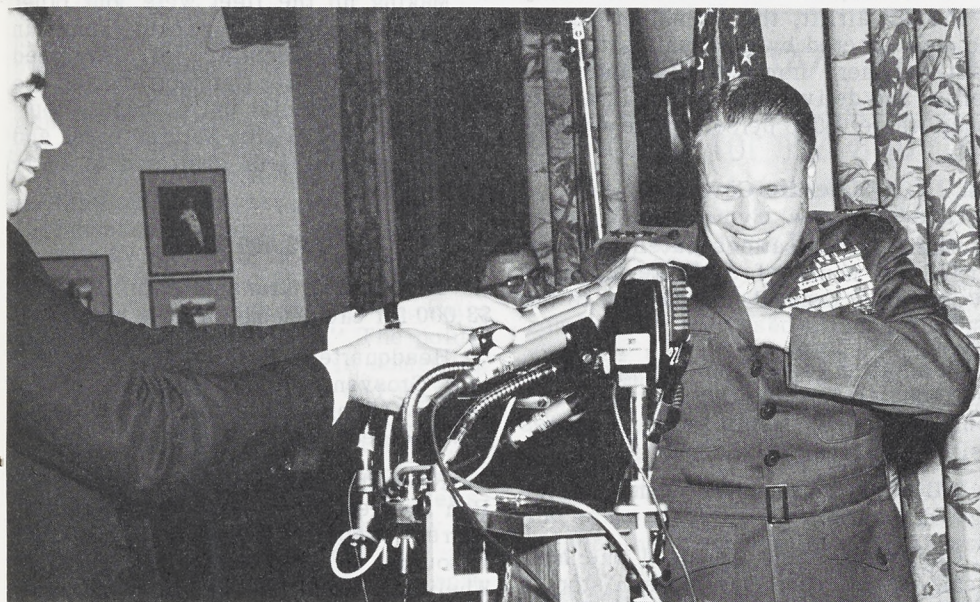
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GENERAL SIGNATURE: Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt reaches for his pen while newsman adjusts microphone at OPC lunch event. The Marine Corps Assistant Commandant said that Viet Nam was still not fully understood by the US public. (Photo by Sibby Christensen)

WALT SAYS ONLY PART OF WAR IS BEING COVERED

By DAVID RESNICK

American newspapers, radio, and television have an extremely serious responsibility in relation to the war in Viet Nam because of the great importance of propaganda and psychological warfare, it was noted by Lieut. Gen. Lewis W. Walt, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, who addressed an Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Luncheon Forum at the Clubhouse last week.

"Some of our prisoners in Viet Nam, and defectors who have reached us, told me that some North Vietnamese leaders are convinced that they cannot win the war on the battlefield in Viet Nam," he said. "They feel certain, however, that if they can keep the war going long

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Control Procedures Being Formulated; Members Responding to Emergency Call

Investigation into the origins of the Club's recent financial difficulties went forward briskly this week, along with initiation of new control procedures and a continued positive response by members to the Board of Governor's call for emergency funds.

At latest count, assessment checks have been received from 535 OPCers, bringing the total to \$19,188.96. Among the checks are 26 contributions totaling \$1,533.00 in excess of the assessment. (One member has contributed an extra \$400).

Checking Records

Accountants from the office of the New York District Attorney, responding

to the Club's request for assistance, have already spent many hours at Club headquarters checking books and records for the period when those records were under the direct jurisdiction of the former salaried Executive Director. The investigation, initiated by Club Counsel Frank C. Wachsmith and Treasurer James H. Sheldon, is proceeding.

Meanwhile Financial Coordinator Joseph J. Wurzel is preparing a series of recommendations to be submitted to President Hal Lehrman and the Board of Governors as soon as the Club's auditors have completed a balance sheet to Jan. 31 and a profit-and-loss statement for the current quarter. One recommendation by Wurzel, on a matter

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BOARD NOMINEES

The 1969 Nominating Committee has met and proposes the following nominees to fill seven two-year terms among Active members of the Board of Governors, beginning April 30.

Anita Diamant Berke, Cornell Capa, Ruth Gruber, Joseph Harrow, Howard Kany, Kathleen McLaughlin, Joseph Peters, David Resnick, Ansel E. Talbert, Russell C. Tornabene.

These are nominees to fill one vacancy among Associate Governors, beginning April 30:

Jay Brennan, Jack Frummer, Mark Henehan, Grace Naismith, Wendell Sether.

*Mary Hornaday
Chairman*

160 NEWSMEN COVER NIXON ON HIS EUROPEAN TRIP

By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — When President Richard Nixon returns on March 2 from his eight-day whirl-wind official trip to Europe visiting Brussels, London, Bonn, West Berlin, Rome, Vatican City, and Paris, he will have flown 10,500 miles and 160 media will have filed millions of words. (Exactly twice the number who flew to Europe with Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy.)

His working visit, the first to be taken by a President in office less than six weeks, will have a minimum of ceremonial pomp.

Nixon's aides figured he spent some 40 to 50 hours in official talks with the chiefs of state and others: Baudouin and Premier Gaston Eyskens, of Belgium; Manlio Brosio and Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, NATO; Jean Rey and others at the European Commission; Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Michael Stewart, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in United Kingdom; President Giuseppe Saragat and Premier Mariano Rumor of Italy; General Charles deGaulle, President, and Maurice Couve de Murville, Premier, of France; Amb. Henry Cabot Lodge, Nixon's Representative to the Paris meetings; His Holiness, Pope Paul VI at Vatican City; and Federal Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, Vice Chancellor Willy Brandt, and Federal President Heinrich Luebke of Germany.

In addition, President Nixon held a series of informal meetings with representative private citizens of all countries visited. This is something new for

an American President traveling abroad. Other Presidents have had handshaking receptions for citizen groups in countries they visited, but not the type of receptions Nixon planned.

In London, it was a group of 15 writers, businessmen, trade unionists and others invited to the President's suite in the Claridge Hotel.

Besides the major speech in Berlin, Nixon made public statements during arrival ceremonies at Brussels, London, Bonn, Rome and Paris airports.

In Berlin, on the 20th anniversary of the US airlift, the President visited the wall erected by communists to keep East Berliners from escaping into West Berlin, and delivered a speech in a warehouse where 6,000 persons were seated.

Satellite Coverage

The Communications Satellite Corp. carried 40 hours of satellite time for TV coverage beamed from Europe to the US.

In addition to the 160 correspondents and technicians traveling with the President, local news media in the countries visited assisted in the coverage.

NBC News assigned 76 men to the eight-day tour.

One press plane departed one hour ahead of Air Force One at each stop to provide airport coverage of the President's arrival.

Advance planning was done by 70 men headed by John Erlichman, counsel to the President, and Timothy G. Elbourne, press assistant, and included representatives from National Security Council, White House Communications, and Secret Service.

Air Force One with Lt. Col. Ralph D. Albertazzie at the control carried the President and members of his party including **William L. Safire**, special assistant to the President.

Making up the fleet were four other big jets, including a backup plane in case the presidential jet developed trouble, a Starlifter transport carried the Presidential special built "bubble top" limousine, and Secret Service cars, and two commercial jets chartered to carry the press.

\$3,000 Each

The cost of transportation alone is \$3,000 for each member of the press.

Headquarters Hotels: Brussels Hilton, Grosvenor House (London), Hotel Dreesen (Bonn), Excelsior Hotel (Rome), and George V Hotel (Paris).

From the White House Press Office: Ron Ziegler, press secretary; Gerald L. Warren, deputy press secretary; Tim Elbourne, M. Alan Woods, and J. Bruce Whelihan, press assistants; and Mary Alice Passman, secretary to Ziegler.

Also making the trip: **Fay Gillis Wells**, Storer Broadcasting Co.; **Francis Lara**, Agence France Presse; **John W. Heffernan**, Reuters; **Walter T. Ridder**, Ridder Newspapers; **Joseph C. Harsch**, Christian Science Monitor; **Charles Foltz**, US News and World Report; **Clifford Evans**, RKO/General Broadcasting.

Columbia Offers Reporting Fellowships

Professional newsmen who are specializing — or plan to specialize — in the news of world affairs may apply until April 1 for Fellowships in Columbia University's Advanced International Reporting Program for the 1969-70 academic year, according to Richard T. Baker, acting dean of the Graduate School of Journalism.

Eight Fellowships will be awarded to American newsmen chosen by the program's selection committee. Each grant covers full tuition and fees at Columbia and also provides a stipend of \$5,000 for living and travel expenses during the nine-month academic year.

The Advanced International Reporting Program, which is financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation, is comparable to the Nieman Fellowships at Harvard, but is designed specifically to help newsmen develop their background knowledge of international affairs. Fellows in the program devote the academic

year to graduate-level studies in Columbia's School of International Affairs and regional institutes, and may also take courses in the language of the area in which they wish to specialize. In addition, the Fellows meet at least once a week for seminar-discussions with leading editors or area specialists, and make two field trips during the year, one to Washington and, in most years, one to Europe.

The program, now in its eighth year, is administered by the University's Graduate School of Journalism and is open to newsmen with at least three years of full-time professional experience with newspapers, magazines, news agencies, or broadcast news organizations. Further information and application forms may be obtained by writing to *John Luter*, Coordinator of the Advanced International Reporting Program, Graduate of Journalism, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. 10027.

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of commercial procedure, is already being put to work by the treasurer.

Banquet Operations

This involves the strengthening of banqueting operations in the Club building, with a view to tightening controls and expanding revenue. Henceforth, under Sheldon's instructions, the Banqueting Department will put greater emphasis on screening references of new customers. The department is also studying the possible transfer of some banquet accounts to a commercial credit card basis.

World-Wide Ticker

OPCERS IN VENEZUELA HEAR ZORTHIAN

By MARTIN R. REYNOLDS

CARACAS — Venezuelan members of the OPC recently got a first-hand report on the Viet Nam war and were told that the "main force fighting" is just about over.

That opinion was expressed by Barry Zorthian, for more than four years the US Government's official spokesman in Viet Nam. Zorthian was guest of honor at an OPC luncheon held at Caracas' swank Tamanaco Hotel. Until recently Minister Counsellor for Public Information at the US Embassy in Saigon, Zorthian has left government to become Executive Vice President of Time-Life international broadcast operations.

Zorthian did not exclude heavy new attacks by the North Vietnamese in the immediate future but, he said, "during the next four to five months the main force fighting should end." The political solution in Viet Nam is something else again, said Zorthian, and is most unpredictable. The former head of public information in Viet Nam said that, in his opinion, the Paris peace talks should be limited to military problems, which, hopefully, will pave the way for political settlement. He did not see that political agreement coming, however, within less than three to four years.

Asked why he felt the main force fighting would end in the near future, Zorthian replied: "It seems to have become obvious to both sides by now that there is nothing further to be gained by prolonged military action."

Zorthian had praise generally not only for the military leaders in Viet Nam but also for the press covering the war. He termed the Viet Nam battle "a war where the US military has been more restricted than in any other military engagement in the history of the United States." Whether or not the military should have been so restricted is the big question, he said. Zorthian added that he personally felt the restrictive decision was correct because it thus avoided the eruption of war on a global and possibly nuclear scale.

Despite the fact that many mistakes were made, said Zorthian, "I feel that the United States has achieved its primary objective: to stop Hanoi from taking over all of Viet Nam."

Other tinder boxes in Southeast Asia, according to Zorthian, are the

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CARACAS LUNCHEON: Former Viet Nam press chief Barry Zorthian chats with luncheon goers at Caracas OPC meeting. From left are Hal Horan, US Chamber of Commerce; Ev Bauman, Creole Petroleum; Dick Criswell, Novas-Criswell Ad Agency; Joe McEvoy, Orinoco Mining; Marty Reynolds, Telesistemas de Venezuela, C.A.; Zorthian, Jules Waldman, The Daily Journal (and president of the local OPC chapter); Ed Schechter, US Embassy PAO in Caracas.

NEW YORK SCENE

The Case for TV and the News Media

Wed., March 5 — Book Night, *Open Letter from a Television Viewer*, with its author, famed movie veteran Robert Montgomery, and *Open Letter to Newspaper Readers*, with John Tebbel, author, editor and journalist. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30. \$6.

The entertainment and news media, always the subject of some criticism, have come in for increased attacks during the past year, following the rise in public violence and in the wake of controversial coverage of the Chicago convention last summer.

Actor Robert Montgomery's recent book, *Open Letter to Television Viewers*, takes aim at the networks and their responsibilities in programming, and he will elaborate on this subject during his book night appearance. He can be expected to present strong opinions on such issues as the effect of television violence on the crime rise. Elmer Lower, President of ABC News, will appear as panelist to present the viewpoint of the TV industry.

The other author being featured at this book night, John Tebbel, believes that newspapers are abdicating their role as crusaders. This is the thesis of his book, *Open Letter to Newspaper Readers*, and the veteran editor and journalist will describe what he thinks is happening to newspaper journalism as a result. AP Assistant General Manager Stan Swinton, appearing as a panelist, will offer his views about the news industry today.

Wed., March 12 — Music Night, Metropolitan Opera Studio Singers Concert. 8:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 13 — "Ides of March" Bistro Party.

Tues., March 18 — Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum. Dr. Joao de Medeiros Calmon, Brazilian journalist and congressman. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30. \$6.

Wed., March 26 — Regional Dinner. Mexico Night. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30. \$6.

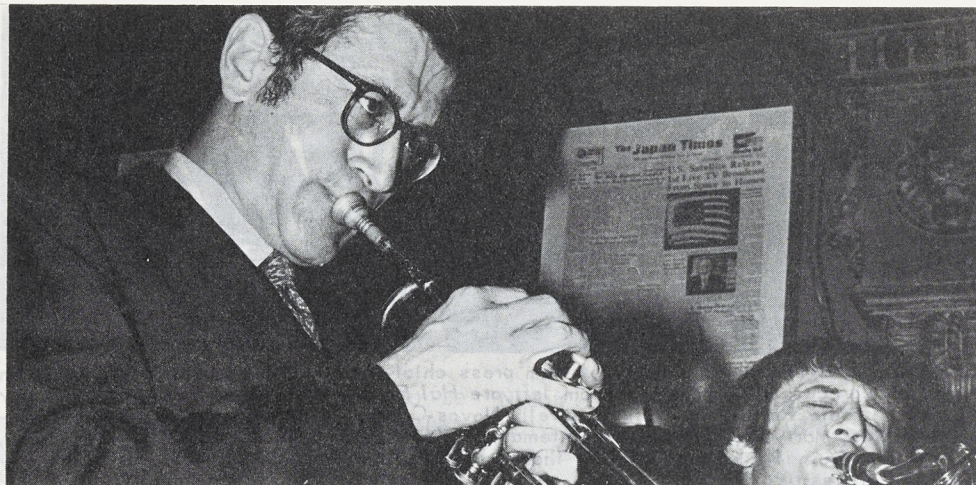
Manhattan Cruise

Sat., April 12 — 12 Noon. A three-hour trip around Manhattan, courtesy of the Circle Line.

This excursion, which has been arranged by Joe Peters, with the Stateside Events Committee, is free to a limited number of OPC members, plus one guest each. Information as to details, and reservations, at the OPC reception desk — First come, first served.

After the trip, about 3 p.m., reunion at the OPC bar.

All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.



HOT TIME: Two of the musicians featured at the OPC Grill George Washington Birthday Party whoop it up for patrons as the shindig moved into the wee hours.

(Photo by Lisa Hoffman)

George Might Have Flipped

By JOSEPH HARROW

Washington might have "flipped his wig" to keep up with the pace, but to Club members and friends who joined in the Grill to celebrate old George's birthday last Saturday, it was an evening of lively music, conviviality and many friendly get-togethers at the tables and the bar.

Tune up Time

The first Grill event under the program launched this year by the OPC Entertainment Committee and chairman *Bill Harris*, the affair got under way shortly before 8 p.m. as the orchestra tuned up.

New menus specially prepared for the occasion heralded an extended variety of food fare, also the many beverage combinations in which the Club bar excels.

Fronting the baronial fireplace, the orchestra held forth through the wee hours and dancing continued through parting night.

Famed singer, stage and screen star *Lanny Ross* and singer *Patti Karr* turned up after their show in town to extend musical greetings and served to wrap up another warm Club shindig.

OPC President *Hal Lehrman*, in an informal welcome, expressed particular appreciations to the Entertainment Committee, the orchestra and all other volunteers who had assured the evening's success, also to *Lisa Hoffman*, who, as always, had her camera there to record the festivity.

Combo

The livewire music combo included committee Chairman *Harris* on the vibes; *Les Leiber*, associate editor, *This Week*, on alto sax; *Bob James*, professional, on tenor sax; *Charles Newmark*, Medical PR, on piano; *Art Loman*, of *Loman Associates*, on trumpet; *Bob Parker* of the *Ottino-Solomon Agency*, on drums;

Tony Matranga, actor, on bass violin and *Charles Spiegel*, attorney-at-law, on piano.

Scheduled Grill events on weekends will complement similar midweek affairs in the Bistro and the adjacent 10th floor Memorial Room. While Grill evenings will tend to "swing," Bistro gatherings will feature strings and more of a night club motif.

Next committee program will be a "Preview of the Ides of March" at the Bistro on Thursday, March 13.

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enough they will win it in the psychological and political arena here in the United States.

Anti-War News

"Whenever groups of students make anti-war noises in demonstrations over here, this news is picked up by Hanoi which gets the impression of bitter opposition to the war on our home front." Nevertheless, the morale of American troops is higher than ever and time is on our side, *Walt* maintained. He described the armed forces of South Viet Nam as growing stronger, now being much better trained.

"The war in Viet Nam is the most misunderstood war in our country's history. One factor which creates misunderstanding is the difficulty of reporting the war in complete perspective. Between sixty and seventy percent of the war is fought at night. Unfortunately, however, we don't take TV pictures at night. Further, half of the daylight engagements are small unit contacts which take place out in the jungle or other areas where newsmen are not around.

Only Dramatic Scenes

"We have left, then, about fifteen

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Philippines and Thailand.

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Other Caracas OPC news briefs: *Chuck Green*, formerly with AP in Mexico City arrived this month to take over Caracas bureau from *George Arfeld*. . . . **Jules Waldman**, publisher of *The Daily Journal* and president of local OPC, decorated recently by the Venezuelan government for his contribution to better US-Venezuelan relations. . . . **Tony Lutz**, OPC treasurer in Caracas and head of PR for Pan American for more than 15 years, transferred to Pan Am, Frankfurt. . . . *Martin Leguizamon*, UPI Bureau Chief, back in Caracas after an absence of nearly 15 years. . . . Your correspondent returned to Caracas at the end of November after some eight months in the Venezuelan Andes on a PR assignment, which also included a three-day trip to Washington for Seventh Inter-American Tourism Seminar.

Some of the above items plus two stories on the Venezuelan elections, which were the freest and therefore noisiest and most spectacular in this country's history, were filed by your correspondent during November and December. Inexplicably, the stories never reached the OPC.

percent of the war which is being covered and, unfortunately, much of the reporting of that small fraction concerns itself with dramatic occurrences which the newsmen know will make headlines in the United States. I can't blame the reporters completely for this since their business, like any other today, is highly competitive, and, also, because we Americans tend to crave sensationalism and undoubtedly stimulate this type of reporting."

The general said that he is opposed to censorship of news coverage from Viet Nam, but he reminded his audience that American censorship during the Korean War and in World War II "helped to put things in the proper context."

Now based in Washington, *Walt* will visit South Viet Nam next month. He commanded the Third Marine Amphibious Force and the Third Marine Division there from 1965 to 1967.

OPC Treasurer *James H. Sheldon* presided. *George Miller* and *Jack Childs* were co-producers of the event. Participating in the questioning of *Walt* by the working press were OPC Past President *Bob Considine* and *Will Oursler* of the Board of Governors.

WIDE TICKER

STAMPA ESTERA VOTE
ELECTS BERGERRE

By DENNIS REDMONT

ROME — Max Bergerre, AFP's veteran Vatican correspondent, was reelected president of the Foreign Press Association (Stampa Estera) this month.

Bergerre, a Rome resident for more than a quarter of a century, beat out Michael Wilson, Radio Free Europe, for the post at the head of the 430-member club.

Klaus Ruhle, of Germany's Das Neue Blatt, and the man to see for any visiting OPCer who wants to enjoy club privileges, was reelected secretary.

James O'Neill, of N.C. News Service, was reelected treasurer, thus leaving the three top posts of the club unchanged for 1969.

Members of the board elected include Agne Harrin (Dages Nyheter), and Wilson, who will serve as vice presidents, and John Ashton (Religious News Service), Radivoje Vukcevic (Tanjug) and Patrick Morin (Paris Match).

Recent comings and goings through Rome include: Winston Burdett, CBS, back from Israel, where he gathered final indications to complete a book on the genesis of the Six Day War. . . . Curtis Bill Pepper, ex-Newsweek, commuting back and forth to South Africa to complete the biography of heart transplant surgeon Chris Barnard. . . .

Allan Jacks, AP bureau chief, back at the job after business trips to Libya. . . . Marc Anthony Messina, Milan-based freelance and Dun and Bradstreet man in Milan, passing through for a host of business stories. . . . Gabe De Sabatino of the United Nations Food and Agriculture press section, recovering from an unusual cruise abroad the Russian trawler Hakavemick Knipovich in the Mediterranean to tag fish of various species. De Sabatino ended up in the midst of NATO maneuvers while trying to tag fish and was the only American on board during the two-week cruise. . .

Alumni from the Columbia School of Journalism have formed an informal luncheon group to discuss old and new times. The first meeting was held last month. Those in the group include Luigi Barzini, the author of "The Italians," and now a member of Italian parliament; Irving R. Levine, NBC; Sarah Ambrosini, Italviews; Robert Lee, freelance; Patrick O'Keefe, and Dennis Redmont both AP, and James O'Neill and Patrick Riley, both N.C. News Service.



SERVICE: NBC News correspondent Andy Guthrie receives Communion on Mountain top near Laos from Navy Chaplain (Lt.) John D. Allen. (AP photo by Phuoc)

UPI BEAT: EXCHANGE BOMBING NEARBY

By J. PATRICK FINN

MONTREAL — When a bomb went off in the Montreal Stock Exchange recently, the UPI staff here had a beat on the story. Their office is in the same building and on the same floor as the exchange.

When Staffer Bert Marsh heard and felt the initial dynamite jolt and secondary crash of ceilings, plaster and glass that shook the 43-story Place Victoria building, he rushed across the hall to the exchange's visitors' gallery entrance and looked down at the smoke, rubble and stunned exchange staff.

He sped back to the undamaged UPI office, telephoned the police for am-

bulances (he was the first to report the bomb to police), dictated a bulletin to a teletype operator for US and Canadian wires, returned to the scene, then came back to the office to file the details (27 injured and an unknown separatist or anarchist blamed for the crime).

Staffers Maris Grebenc and Bob Bott (son of the city editor of the New York Post) turned up a little later to assist with the writing. The UPI people stayed right with the story until it was wrapped up.

In fact, a few of them were the only people left in the building after police cleared it out to search for other possible bombs. Fortunately there were none.

NPC SPURNS THE LADIES

By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — The National Press Club has again said "no" to the distaff press.

They spurned the proposition that accredited women journalists be accepted into membership.

A special committee composed of past presidents reported that the action would be discriminatory because the women would be limited on privileges, including exclusion from the men's bar, and that club revenue would not be enhanced greatly, since the women would not patronize the Club at night unescorted, due to D.C. crime.

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Hope Ridings Miller, author of "Embassy Row: The Life and Times of Diplomatic Washington," released Feb. 20, is being honored here at social functions and is appearing on TV and radio pro-

grams. The book, first of its kind, covers 168 years of diplomatic Washington — from 1800 when there were seven diplomatic missions, to the present, with 115 foreign missions. During March and April she will travel to New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Kansas City, Detroit and Cleveland for radio-TV appearances and newspaper interviews.

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Changes in the electronic media: George Herman named moderator of "Face the Nation"; Martin Agronsky joined WTOP-CBS news staff; John Corporan named vice president and general manager of WTOP-TV; Herbert Kaplow, NBC, replaces Ray Scherer as White House correspondent; Scherer assigned to London as the network's correspondent there.

Letters

TIME AND TALENT FOR OPC

Your letter to all OPC members following the Feb. 4th emergency executive session is the most important news I've received from the Club in about twenty years. Without attending law school, I hope it is apparent to all of our members that the letter concerns a very delicate legal problem. I hope all members will realize that even our Bulletin must be quite cautious in its reporting.

But most important — this is the time to trust our Club officers. . . and send in our special assessment checks! In good time — when the lawyers give the OK — we can all be sure the whole story will be told.

Perhaps this type of trouble would have been avoided if a few more of us gave a bit of time and talent to the Club & helped in its management.

Paul Elliott-Smith
New York.

'ENTERTAINING'

Inclosed is my check for \$20 as requested. I really don't mind the extra assessment because I got such a good laugh out of the Feb. 15 'explanation' in The Bulletin. I found it even more entertaining to discover that the Club

apparently turned over its entire financial operation to a man who apparently wasn't even bonded, a requirement for my son before he could get a paper route. Am eagerly looking forward to my next visit with you as I'm sure there will be interest in my new company, Blue Sky Uranium Inc. Lots of luck, J.J.

Wally Beene
Beverly Hills, Calif.

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

The emergency meeting report of the Club's officers and Governors will likely draw an avalanche of letters from members because we are asked to meet a special assessment. Possibly my questions are among those other members would ask.

The report says that with Joe Wurzel's help, with the President, and Treasurer and auditors, a plan will be worked out to put us back on a sound financial basis. Judging from letters to the Bulletin in recent years we have been operating at a deficit for quite some time.

I want to see a financial statement, and, have answers to the foregoing. We used to operate for a few dollars a week when we happily met at the Tavern on the Green, in 1939-40, with maybe 40 members. Our "deficit" each week was covered as Wythe Williams, Gene Lyons and Burnet Hershey guided us in our infancy.

This financial mess has been compounded over the years and I'm not convinced that an immediate urgent assessment will be the solution. How are the funds for the assessment to be used? To meet obligations or make good on bad credit at the bar, bad checks, or for what? Maybe we'd better write 'em off or go into bankruptcy and get smaller quarters and start over. We can't charge off the losses as tax deductions because we are a non profit organization.

Marjorie W. Young
Anderson, S.C.

HOPES FOR RECOVERY

I am enclosing my check for \$25 for the Special Fund. The assessment of \$20 does stretch my budget a bit, but I feel that it is the least I can do for the Club that came to my rescue in my hour of need.

I am sending the extra \$5 instead of renewing my credit privilege since I no longer am in the New York area and see no prospect of getting there soon.

As Burnet Hershey says, this is a family emergency and I have been a member of the Press Club family for nearly 29 years. I hope that by Palm Sunday a month or so from now, which will be the 30th anniversary of the Club's founding, that the membership will have news that the Club is out of danger and well on the road to recovery.

Irene S. Taylor
Columbia, Mo.

PROTEST

I have just received the memo concerning the new assessments made for getting the OPC out of its financial hole. Would someone at the OPC enlighten me as to whether I am compelled to make this payment. If so, I'm pretty mad about it.

I have been a member for something like eight or nine years. For about a year and a half of that time I was resident in New York and used the Club's facilities about once a week. The rest of the time I have been overseas, and all I've had from the Club has been The Bulletin.

Year after year, I've read about the Club's financial difficulties, and they seem to get worse and worse. Frankly, I don't see why overseas members should have to shell out for the mistakes made time and time again right there in New York.

Suddenly I'm asked to send \$10 to help a situation I had no hand in forming.

I've probably been one of your quietest members, paying my dues, making no trouble, reading my Bulletin once a week, keeping my nose clean. If this particular worm isn't exactly turning, it's squawking. If this assessment is compulsory, I guess I'll pay, but I'd like you to know it's under great protest.

Shirley K. Barker.
Suva, Fiji

'BEST BUY'

Enclosed find \$50.00 assessment by return mail to help meet emergency OPC fiscal difficulties.

OPC is by far the best buy for the money in the city for journalists and public relations people who qualify for membership. That's my opinion, as a loyal member since 1955.

Many questions come to mind about what has happened, but I recognize that OPC needs cash now, urgently; not debate. Later, we'll get the full story, then take steps to assure the situation never repeats itself.

Hugh Gile Swofford



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BAHAMAS MOOD: A touch of the island takes over the third floor for the Bahamas Regional Dinner last week. The straw goods were part of the festive decorations and also served as gifts for guests.
(Photo by Bill Cheney, PhotoMedia Ltd.)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ASSOCIATE

DIMITRI H. ANDRIADIS — E.I. du Pont de Nemours, & Co., Wilmington, Delaware; (F) Radio Free Europe, UN Radio. Proposed by *John McH. Stuart, Jr.*; seconded by *James Robinson*.

HAROLD BARON — Freelance, New York. Proposed by *Lin Root*; seconded by *Beatrice Schaper*.

PAUL R. GREEN — Intercontinental Publications, Inc., Stamford, Conn. Proposed by *David A. Anderton*; seconded by *Scott A. Reiniger*.

RICHARD ALAN KNAPP — Business Week Magazine, New York, New York. Proposed by *Paul Burham Finney*; seconded by *Jules Abend*.

WILLIAM RICHTER — Attorney, New York, New York; (F) Ledger Syndicate, Pet Digest. Proposed by *Will Yolen*; seconded by *Peter McEvoy*.

ALDEN TODD — Haskins & Sells Reports, New York, New York. Proposed by *Lin Root*; seconded by *Hal Lehrman*.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: **Ruth Gruber**, author of "Israel on the Seventh Day," just back from magazine assignments in Israel. . . . The **Hugh Conways** leaving March 2 on a six-week 'round-the-world' trip, during which they will have press briefings at the embassies in New Delhi, Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

ARTICLES: **Alan Levy's** profile of Czech film-maker Jiri Menzel ("Closely-Watched Trains") featured in the NY Times Magazine of Feb. 9. . . . The April issue of Army carrying "In the Beginning: There Was the Treaty," by Col. **Barney Oldfield**. He was one of four on Order No. 1-1, and served as Gen. Eisenhower's advance man when NATO and SHAPE were getting under way. . . . **Ted J. Rakstis** basking in a batch of bylines, including the March Reader's Digest, which carries "Big Boom in Temp Help," condensed from an article on the temporary labor industry which appeared originally in the Kiwanis Magazine last summer; "The Great Fire of 1871," in March Elks Magazine; and byline articles in the January issues of The Lion and the Catholic Digest.

SPEAKERS: NBC prexy **Julian Goodman** discussed broadcast journalism at a Feb. 22 symposium on the future of the communications arts at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. . . . **Roger Tatarian**, editor of UPI, delivered the first John (Sky) Dunlap Memorial address before the student members of the California Newspaper Publishers Association Feb. 8. . . . **Chet Williams** moderating a series of community action programs on WSPB, Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, in which speakers will present various points of view on local issues. . . . **Barry Farber** moderated a WOR panel, which included **Harrison Salisbury**, on the subject, "Would You Want Your Daughter to Live in New York?" Barry has also spoken to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the Jersey City Jewish Community Center recently. . . . **James V. Yarnall**, impresario of the Grand Opera Foundation of New Jersey, spoke before the Bergenfield (N.J.)

Rotary Club Feb. 17. . . . **Li Ling-Ai** lectured on "The Converging Philosophies of the East and West" at the New Canaan (Conn.) Women's Club and the Community College of New York.

HONORS: **Edward L. Bernays** elected a Benjamin Franklin Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, of London, of which HRH Prince Philip is president and HM Queen Elizabeth, patron. . . . **Louis Weintraub** reappointed for another three-year term on the President's committee on employment of the handicapped. . . . **Huge Gile Swofford** re-elected president of the board of trustees, West-Park Presbyterian Church and chairman of the West-Park Youth Center, NY. . . . **Norman Cousins** prexy of the William Benton Foundation.

RETIRED: **Henry W. Bagley** from the International Basic Economy Corp. of NY, where he had been PR director.

IN CONGRESS: **Rep. Lester L. Wolff**, now serving his third term as a Congressman from Nassau County, NY, named to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He was formerly a reporter on the international scene.

GOOD NEWS FOR ASSESSEES!

OPC members who have already taken headstarts on their Form 1040s, due April 15, may have overlooked as a perfectly legitimate deduction for inclusion on Page 2, Part IV, under "Other Deductions", last year's annual dues and the special \$15 assessment on all resident members voted by the outgoing Board of Governors last April 23.

According to Internal Revenue Service sources in Washington, "employees", unless reimbursed by their employers, are allowed to deduct "subscriptions to professional journals, etc., relating to their business or profession" and "membership dues in professional societies."

Of course, all who are self-employed as freelancers can deduct these as ordinary business expenses on Schedule C, says the IRS.

Tax returns for 1968 can only include the deductions for dues and special assessments paid in that year. The payment for the current assessment can, however, be listed as a deduction when you file your return for 1969.

Donald Hoover, PR Man, Dies

Donald D. Hoover, former chairman of the board of eastern operations for Bozell & Jacobs, advertising and public relations firm, and an ex-newspaperman, died of a heart attack Feb. 18 at his home in Kent, Conn. He was 65.

His career included extensive service in military intelligence and communications during World War II.

At the beginning of the war, he was one of a group of Army and Navy intelligence officers assisting in organization of the US Office of Censorship, and he served as the Chief of the Press and Pictorial Section of the Postal Division. This included censorship control of all printed material and motion pictures leaving the United States.

He was sent to North Africa, where he was commanding officer of the Communications Intelligence Section of G-2.

In the Sicilian invasion and in the Italian operation, he had similar responsibility as commanding officer of a joint US-British-French Army-Navy intelligence operation. Hoover received the Order of the British Empire from General Sir H.L. Alexander for the success of this operation, with citation for good judgment expressed in its conduct.

Called to the staff of General Douglas MacArthur in New Guinea, Hoover

organized a similar operation in the Philippine liberation invasion and set up a similar security check and information-gathering activity in Japan and Korea. He was responsible for censorship control of the Japanese press and radio and was decorated with the Legion of Merit for the manner in which this assignment was handled and for the creation of a free press in Japan.

Following the war, Hoover became associate editor of The Indianapolis Times.

Hoover's newspaper experience also included assignments with the AP Washington Bureau and city editorship of The Indianapolis News, during which time that paper won the Pulitzer Prize. He contributed to Foreign Affairs and other magazines and was author of a college textbook on journalism.

Under Hoover's direction, Bozell & Jacobs established the first Atomic Energy Division to be set up in any public relations agency. For years he was account supervisor on the Electric Companies Public Information Program.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Holmes Hoover, one daughter, Mrs. Cynthia H. Distasio, and two grandchildren.

SCHMEDLINES

For those of you who can't read the tiny type in the masthead, here is a rundown on Bulletin deadlines:

Noon Monday — items for People & Places and all classified ads (with advance payment, thank you).

Noon Tuesday — all other editorial matter.